

AFRO-AMERICAN COURIER

Our Motto: "Let Down the Bucket Where You Are"

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WORKING WITH COUSIN TOM.

Remember that working with Cousin Tom is the most enjoyable and satisfactory way to work. From a generic term, every Negro man or woman should want to work with Cousin Tom, that is, nobody should want to work against him because of the good that he is doing for the colored race, and the cause of suffering humanity, but few of us realize how important it is to work with Him in all that we do. Sometimes we are so interested in our own way of doing things that we do not stop to think how necessary it is for us to have conferences with "Cousin Tom" to get him, so to speak, to work with us.

Cousin Tom works all the time according to the principles of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. Our motto should be such as to raise us to a state of understanding that enables us to work in harmony with his principles. If we try to act in a way that is contrary to these principles, we are not getting "Cousin Tom's" full cooperation.

The principles upon which "Cousin Tom" works are the very foundation of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. They are the essence of all things, and they are good. There is no evil in them. They are the principles of Foresight, Faith, Endurance, and they are always successful.

When we work with the Custodian, we may be sure that we shall be successful, because we are dealing with the true principles of success for the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. If we are trying with selfishness in our hearts, to do something that is harmful to others, we may be sure that we are not working with the Custodian, and no amount of prayers will cause his principles to aid in their fulness.

The will of "Cousin Tom" is not that we should, as Afro-American Sons & Daughters, show specific favors. His will is that the right principles be involved in the doing of everything that we undertake to do as Afro-American Sons & Daughters. "Cousin Tom's" will is that we should see him in the time of distress and let his good judgment and his love be so quickened in us that we should see and do what is best for us.

Sometime when we mentally put our affairs of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, we are led to do something that seems impossible, or that we had not planned to do. Are we to conclude that "Cousin Tom" wants us to do that thing? Yes, in a way. If that doing is in harmony with the principle of Foresight, Faith, Endurance, then of course he wants us to do that which is good and harmonious and in order, however we may decide to do about it.

Through the fertile brain of Thos. J. Huddleston, he furnished the glorious principles of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, and we must furnish the channel for putting these principles into operation.

Be positive, but let your positiveness be in line with the great fraternal principles. All that the Organization has is now yours if you are willing to use it. Try the joyous ways of letting the Custodian work through you to help, to hold, and to inspire,—yes, and do it in the smallest details of your work, even though that work be of the humblest kind. Remember that the Spirit of Truth is the most important thing. With that principle established clearly in your mind. All that the Organization does is for the best. Drop your little personal beliefs and with a free mind, grasp the glorious principles of the organization. Remember that no matter how much joy you may think that you are getting out of doubt, worry, malice, and other negative thoughts, you will find that you will get ten times as much joy out of thinking thoughts of Foresight, Faith and Endurance.

Stop doubting the Organization and accept "Cousin Tom's" offer. Say "Yes, 'Cousin Tom,' I am willing that your glorious opportunities for the aid of suffering humanity be done in me. I will stop complaining; I will stop doubting; I will stop being sorry for myself, and I will take this energy that I have been wasting in these useless thoughts and devote it to the thought of the great good you are doing through Faith, Foresight and Endurance."

C. W. STEWART.

CAMETA LODGE NO. 490

Dear Editor:

This comes to let you know that we are doing fine. We made five members in June. We are sending four more this month. We are 34 members strong. We are now two years old. We intend to press forward and not look back. With God to help us, we hope to say and do more concerning our lodge.

LUCINDA GREEN, F. S.
H. L. DUNHAM, President,
DAISEY LONDON, Vice-Pres.

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Box 68, Phillip, Miss.

Dear Editor:

Please allow space in your paper to say a few words for St. Elmore Lodge No. 435. We are few in number, but with God to help us we are striving for the top. We have only been able to get a few new members, but we have not given up, but the one that holds out to the end is the winner of the race.

We are going to do all we can for "Cousin Tom" in 1931 because I would not be anything else but an Afro-American. May God bless the founder of this Organization in the person of T. J. Huddleston. I pray that he may live a long time.

TEXAS MARTIN, F. S.

Dublin, Miss., August 29, 1930.

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in the Courier to say a few words about our Lodge, No. 287. We are proud that the Lord has worked through the members of this Lodge in helping to put over the program that we now have before us. We are proud that we are able to send a delegate to the Grand Lodge in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to bring back the news of that great and glorious meeting that was held by the Afro-American Sons & Daughters.

We want to thank "Cousin Tom" for the Afro-American Sons & Daughters Special Train. Everything was made very pleasant for us and the train was conducted by our Custodian. We hope that "Cousin Tom" will be able to secure a Special Train for us every Summer.

May our President and Custodian both live long that they may be able to carry on the good work that they are now carrying on for the cause of suffering humanity.

From President,

EMMA TRIBBETT.



T. J. HUDDLESTON, JR.

MANAGER OF ROYAL SPECIAL DEPARTMENT LEAVES FOR COLLEGE

T. J. Huddleston, Jr., Manager of the Royal Special Department leaves for Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., to pursue his Bachelor Degree. This young man was assigned Manager of this Department about one year ago. It has made rapid progress under his management. When he first took this department over, there were only one hundred and fifty members with a surplus of about \$300.00. Now, it has grown over Six hundred members, with a surplus of over \$1,600.00.

In the selection of T. J. Huddleston, Jr., for this important post, the Custodian acted wisely in exercising keen business acumen and vision, for in Mr. Huddleston, not only have we a young man for the manager of this department, who is thoroughly conversant with the problem confronting his people, but we have a young man familiar with business principles and capable of administering large business along the line of his work.

We hope all true Afros will pray for him that he might reach the height of his ambition.

He leaves a competent bookkeeper in his place who will keep the good work going until he returns.

NAMES OF LODGES THAT RAISED \$1,000.00 AND OVER

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1. Arkansas City, No. 13, F. S., U. S. Beasley, Box 128, Arkansas City, Miss. Death Claim, \$167.97; Sick and Accident, \$127.95; Total collected, \$1,025.75.
2. Ambrose No. 16, F. S., W. M. May, Slaughter, Death Claim; Sick and Accident, \$66.00; Total \$1,009.75.
3. Boyle No. 159, H. Roberts, F. S., Boyle; Death Claims—\$330.12; Sick and Accident \$51.70; Total \$1,110.91.
4. Coahoma, Ida Cunningham, Coahoma, Death Claims—\$403.51; S. & A. \$98.92; Total collected, \$1,196.90.
5. Day Break No. 22, F. S., Emma Rodgers, Belzoni; Death Claims \$41.64; S. & A. \$23.00; Total collected \$1,030.00.
6. Doddsville No. 23, F. S., S. H. L. Anderson, Route 2, Minter City, Miss., S. & A. \$49.18; Total collected—\$1,224.75.
7. Hattiesburg, No. 212, E. A. V. Harper, Hattiesburg, Miss. Death Claim \$265.71; S. & A. \$318.45; Total collected \$2,828.05.
8. Inverness Star, Sallie Sampson and A. B. Kelly, No. 531, Inverness, Miss., Death Claims, \$236.00; S. & A.—\$197.00; Total collected \$3,395.00.
9. Kosciusko, No. 237, B. L. Turner, Kosciusko, Miss.—S. & A. \$114.50; Total collected \$1,003.27.
10. Love Feast, F. S., Peter Pool, Louise; Death Claim \$113.00; S. & A. \$43.00; Total collected \$1,814.86.
11. Lampley, No. 546, Jas. Ball, Inverness; Death Claim; S. & A. \$116.00; Total collected \$1,322.10.
12. Liberty, No. 539, J. M. Beamon, Camden; Death Claim, \$268.99; S. & A. \$44.50; Total collected \$1,102.50.
13. Moorehead No. 74, E. C. Mullins, Moorehead, S. & A. \$77.80; Total collected \$1,067.00.
14. Marshall No. 80, F. S., Benora Montgomery, Lexington, S. & A. \$81.51; Total collected \$1,232.25.
15. Mt. Ollie No. 101, J. M. Washington, Way, Miss. Death Claim, \$505.85; S. & A. \$66.00; Total collected \$1,084.10.
16. Mt. Zion No. 106, Katie Jones, Vaughns, Miss., S. & A. \$30.88; Total collected \$1,108.85.
17. New Hope No. 240, G. B. Donnelly, Blaines; Death Claim \$216.89; S. & A., \$39.00; Total collected \$1,155.87.
18. Pickens, No. 355, Elijah Sutherland, Pickens, Miss. Death Claims \$322.71; S. & A., \$304.65; Total collected, \$5,013.25.
19. Pecan No. 309, F. S. Mary Johnson, Doddsville; Death Claim, \$126.29; S. & A., 75.64; Total collected \$1,253.50.
20. Refuge No. 586, Lewis Jones, Marks; Death Claim—\$75.00; S. & A. \$114.00; Total collected \$1,028.65.
21. Shellmound No. 384, James Ambrose, Schlater, Miss. S. & A. \$79.00; Total collected \$1,229.90.
22. Silver City No. 391, Martha Barnes, Silver City, Miss. S. & A. \$44.00; Total collected \$1,005.25.
23. Sweet Canaan No. 410, W. M. White, Cruger, Miss.—Death Claims \$52.00; S. & A. 56.00; Total collected,—\$1,014.75.
24. St. John No. 421, H. S. Sellers, Clarksdale, Miss; Death Claims \$200.00; S. & A. \$26.90; Total collected \$1,184.75.
25. Shaw, No. 429, Biddie Newall, Shaw, Miss., Death Claims \$46.84; S. & A. \$31.00; Total collected \$1,591.
26. Sherrard No. 446, Hattie White, Clarksdale, Miss;

Death Claims \$125.00; S. & A. 21.00; Total collected \$1,005.50.

27. Sunflower Bell No. 449, C. L. Page, Sunflower, Miss. Death Claims, \$75.00; S. & A. \$69.00; Total collected, \$1,064.00.

28. Tra Lake No. 278, Sim Archie, Tra Lake, Miss. S. & A. \$74.28; Total collected \$1,023.15.

29. Tutwiler No. 283, H. Porter, Tutwiler, Miss., S. & A. \$80.90; Total collected \$1,439.87.

30. Yazoo No. 469, Ethel H. Gipson, Yazoo City, Miss. S. & A. \$65.00; Total collected \$1,131.75.

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L. P. GIPSON

Nov. 7th—Marcella Lodge, Mileston, W. H. Owens, F. S.

Nov. 10th—Woodman Hill, Flora, Amanda Mitchell, F. S.

Nov. 12th—Milton Grove Lodge, Canton, Miss., H. K. Owens, F. S.

Nov. 14th—Mt. Valley Lodge, Kierns, Miss., Jno. Grant, F. S.

Nov. 17th—St. Peter Lodge, Talula, Miss., H. S. Sias, F. S.

Nov. 19th—Kindling Alter Lodge, Joanna Cooper, F. S.

Nov. 21st—St. John Lodge, Indianola, Miss., Beatrice Burns, F. S.

Nov. 24th—Lamplsey Lodge, Inverness, Miss., James Ball, F. S.

Other meetings will be staged in South Mississippi.

Each lodge is expected to have at least ten new applicants for their meeting night. The Public is invited to attend these meetings.

CUSTODIAN'S LETTER

Dear Members: The month of September closed with decided victory for our great organization considering the times. The whole writing force wrote 2000 applications, organized 35 new lodges. Finances showed an increase over last month. Our delegates went home from the Grand Lodge with such a burning determination until I am satisfied that our loving organization will show gains for the whole year. This fact will be proven at the Grand Lodge in Kosciusko.

There has never been an organization more lovable, and has met more distresses of its members than the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. This organization is regarded by its members and friends as a God-sent blessing to humanity.

We are looking forward to building our New Home Office, and there must be no falling off of members. Every president, secretary must renew all your members provided they are in good health by the November report.

There are some lodges who are behind with representation dues for the Grand Lodge. This must be paid as November is the last month for the assessment. Lodges who fail to pay this tax will be suspended.

The children are waiting for their educational money all over the jurisdiction, and this obligation will have to wait until lodges send in their educational tax of \$6.00.

Now, be advised that all lodges who fail to send their educational money, the December receipts will carry 25c extra for tax for this purpose and November is the last month for extra tax to build the New Building. You will see this extra tax stamped on your receipts. Do not give this receipt unless members pay in full.

CUSTODIAN'S VISITS

I have made visits to the following places with good results: Eden, Murning Star Church, Louise, Good Hope Baptist Church, Webb, Miss., Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson; Estell, Leand, Hattiesburg, Meridian, Newton and Lula, Mississippi. The Farish Street Lodge, under Mrs. Charlotte Graves as F. S., is doing fine, crossing the 100 mark in thirty days. We are looking forward to 250 paying members by Christmas.

The President and Business Men of Jackson are interested in the Afros movement, and they are assisting Mrs. Graves in every way to make a leading number. The Custodian's address was fully enjoyed by the Farish Street Lodge and many joined following his address.

My visit to Hattiesburg was a victory. Over 50 members joined. The Slogan in Hattiesburg is "whole city and surrounding for the Afros." Over 200 joined in Hattiesburg since last Grand Lodge. The Custodian will pull off the final rally which had its beginning over 30 days ago in Hattiesburg, September 5th, at Rev. Woullard's church. I am looking forward to 150 members.

The pastors in Hattiesburg, especially do I speak of Revs. Woullard, Wells, Rose, and Varnado, have shown every consideration for the growth and spread of our much beloved order.

P. G. LEE, SUPREME ORGANIZER TAKES CHARGE OF STATE OF ARKANSAS

Bro. Lee is highly recommended having been able to hold the banner among the organizers since he began more than a year ago. We hope Arkansas will fall in line like Mississippi and qualify for an Afro-American Hospital in the State.

Alabama is the last state qualified under the leadership of Rev. I. C. Harper, will soon come in the line of other states that have been qualified for a much longer time. Rev. Harper recently organized 3 lodges in 3 days.

Dockery, Miss.

Dear Editor:

I am anxious for the many readers of the Afro-American Courier to hear from Brown Chapel Lodge No. 182 at Dockery, Miss. On May 30th, we had our Installation, and everything was in harmony. We were graced with the presence of our worthy Supreme Agent, Bro. C. L. Page, who installed us and rendered us valuable service with such wholesome instructions and words of encouragement. He spared no pains in telling us many good things about our beloved Order. We were also graced with the presence of three members from Sunflower Bell Lodge, Mistress Humphrey, Mosby and Barrow. Our program was as follows: Opening song. Scripture reading by Bro. J. T. Hayes; Remarks by President B. T. Hayes; Welcome address by Mrs. Lonie Sampson; Response by Rev. H. W. Waits. Recitation, "Old Uster Be," by Miss Rose Reed. Song, Pleasant Green Choir, Chorister, A. D. Bradberry. Remarks and introduction of Supreme Agent and guests, by Lillie Smith, F. S. Installation of officers by Supreme Agent, Mr. C. L. Page.

All officers took 4th degree banquet was spread to the delight witnessed the occasion, which was May God bless "Cousin Tom" for the service they are rendering.

I am yours in Faith, Foresight
LILLIE A.

Rev. E. L. Twine,

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space to say Zion Lodge No. 268 at Percy, Miss. the hill of success by the help of the late to do good. Our attendance we are growing stronger every day for the year of 1930.

DANIEL COLEMAN

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in your paper words about our lodge, Zion Chapel, No. 323, ber 5th, we had a grand installation in the presence of our Supreme Inspector, in the person of Mr. L. P. Gipson, our State Organizer, Bro. James Williams of ville, and Bro. H. L. Anderson, all of whom are one per cent Afros.

If we could only have Bro. Gipson once more, soon have our 100 members strong, which we have by the next Grand Lodge meeting. real live wire and he knows just how, we switch on the current. He brought encouraging and interesting news to one was wishing they were Afros and they could have been down at the Grand burg. He really gave us the Afro Spirit better and stronger Afro Order. Looking forward and not back.

E. W. WALLACE
W. M. LEE
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Dear Editor:

Please allow me space words about our lodge, Star West number, but we are doing nicely down at the Grand Lodge in excursion was the grandest trip.

We pray for our "Cousin Tom" to put on such programs as

LODGES THAT PAID CREDITS (Con.)

Lodge No. 252, Friarspoint, Mrs. Laura Blue, F. S.

Shaw, Miss.

September 25, 1930

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in the paper to say a few words about White Star Lodge No. 292. I want to say that we are on the upward march, striving to reach the hill of elevation, with God to help us and our good leaders, we see no need of failure.

On June 13th, we had a Banquet. Our Supreme organizer, Bro. C. L. Page, was with us. Eight new members were added to our lodge, after which we had plenty of refreshments. We had a grand time.

We have our hands on the Afro-Plow and we do not mean to look back. May God bless Prof. T. J. Huddleston and Dr. L. T. Miller.

BESSIE LOVE, President,
SUSIE SHAFFER, F. S.
ANNIE BROWN, R. C.
SALLIE ADAMS, Reporter.

Knock! Knock! Knock!

Who is that knocking?

Just an Afro, knocking for space in your Courier to say a few words of our lodge, No. 543. This lodge is still progressing. I am forced to say that we have strong leaders and our Financial Secretary cannot be beaten. He is always in the job, doing his duty. With such a good leader as Bro. S. H. Robinson we can't help but go over the top.

We must give honor to our own Dr. L. T. Miller and Prof. T. J. Huddleston whom the good Lord has given to lead these, His people. May the Lord bless them with a long life.

Yours in Christ,

SARAH MARSHALL,
Midnight, Miss.

Keirn, Miss.

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words about our lodge, No. 239. We are trying to go over the top of the hill. We thank you for the sick claims you sent us, and Mr. Huddleston is the man that God sent to lead our race. Will you let us receive papers once more that we may keep abreast with the times?

Yours in Christ,

WILLIE MAE BROWN.

Doddsville, Miss.

September 20, 1930

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in your Courier to speak a few words for our lodge. We all enjoyed the Grand Lodge. We certainly enjoyed our two great leaders, Prof. T. J. Huddleston and Dr. L. T. Miller. We all have the Afro Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

ROSA MARTIN.

Leland

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in your paper words about our lodge, No. 672, Old Mo say that God has blessed us and members and have not God bless